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Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your letter of 17 March 1975 inquiring as to the Agency's use of the information compiled by the former House Committee on Internal Security.

The Central Intelligence Agency did in the past conduct a check of the files of the former Committee on Internal Security as part of the security investigation conducted on Agency applicants and others investigated for access to Agency information. The check was discontinued in March 1972 after an Agency survey revealed that the results were minimal and the same information was usually obtained through the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Civil Service Commission. The check was originally required under the security processing procedures for Government employees established by Executive Order 9835 but its successor, Executive Order 10450, did not contain this requirement.

Any information acquired by the Central Intelligence Agency as part of the check previously conducted was evaluated by the Office of Security and is maintained in the individual's security file. No further use is made of the information and under Agency policy it is not released to any Federal and state agencies or other interested persons and organizations. If another Federal agency queries us regarding an individual concerning whom we have information previously provided by

the Internal Security Committee, we would refer that agency to your Committee. Also, if such an individual himself submits a request to us under the Freedom of Information Act for information concerning himself, we would provide him a citation to your files.

In sum, we contemplate little, if any, use of the files of the former Committee on Internal Security.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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We would appreciate your *olc* comments on this request for *75-0178* our preparation of a reply.



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